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Application of Kevin D. Horner-Richardson, et al. Serial No. 09/821,868 Filed March 30, 2001 Confirmation No. 9294

For PLASMA ARC TORCH AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED LIFE OF PLASMA ARC TORCH CONSUMABLE PARTS

October 10, 2001

## LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted," dated May 11, 2001, enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney in the above-referenced application along with a Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requesting acceptance of the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney without the signature of one of the inventors, David A. Small. A copy of the Notice is returned herewith.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,050.00 (\$130.00 in payment of the surcharge and \$920.00 for three months' extension of time).

Respectfully submitted,

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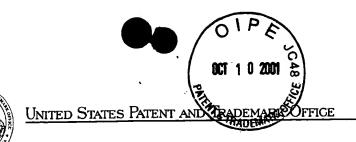
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## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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